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Masayuki NAKAYASU et al.

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Sir:

We, Masayuki NAKAYASU and Nobuyuki KATSUDA, do hereby state and declare as follows:

1. We are named co-inventors of the invention described and claimed in the above-identified U.S. patent application.
2. We have read and understood the rejection of the Examiner issued in the above application on April 21, 2006 and the patent publication US 2003/0029349 (US'349), which is the cited reference in the rejection.
3. We are also co-inventors of US'349. The publication names ourselves (i.e. Masayuki NAKAYASU and Nobuyuki KATSUDA) as well as Mr. Naoki Matsuda and Mr. Yuzo Goto as co-inventors. However, Mr. Naoki Matsuda and Mr. Yuzo Goto did not have an

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inventive role for the present invention, which is claimed in the present application and is disclosed in US'349.

4. The subject matter of "an inflator", which is claimed in the present application and also disclosed in US'349, was the result of a collaborative and inventive research effort solely between ourselves, Masayuki NAKAYASU and Nobuyuki KATSUDA. Accordingly, each of Masayuki NAKAYASU and Nobuyuki KATSUDA has been named as Inventors of the present application.

Each of the undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S. Code 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: August 11, 2006

Signed:


Masayuki NAKAYASU

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Nobuyuki KATSUDA